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## 'Beethoven's Belated Birthday Bash' concert set for Sunday

Its third performance of the season, "Beethoven's Belated Birthday Bash," is at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. General admission is \$15. It is free for Manchester students, faculty and staff, and anyone younger than 18. Masks and social distancing are required.

## Visit Wabash County plans annual St. Trolley's Day Tour

Visit Wabash County has announced tickets are on sale for the annual St. Trolley's Day Tour set for Saturday, March 13. The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$30 per person, due at registration, and is all-inclusive for those 21 and older. To register, visit [www.VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours), visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

## INDOT, city meeting seeks public input on proposed East Street bridge

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) along with the city will be

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# City plans to open Honeywell Pool

## Emergency Parks meeting to be held Wednesday to decide on DAM(N)!MAN!

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After being closed last year due to COVID-19 concerns, local swimmers of all ages can look forward to the opening of the Mark C. Honeywell Pool for the 2021 season in just a few months.

In May 2020, the board decided by a 4 to 2 vote to close the pool for the 2020 season due to concerns over

COVID-19.

But, during Wednesday's regular Wabash Park Board meeting, Parks superintendent Adam Hall said they were planning on moving forward as usual.

Hall said he had attended a conference with around 150 representatives from parks districts throughout the state. Hall said about half had opened, while others had to close early. Still others, like

Wabash, never opened at all.

Hall said he had been in communication with the Wabash County Health Department, who said the COVID-19 infection rates had been trending positively enough they could open the pool this year.

"There are several factors to keep in mind," said Hall. "We are going to keep an eye on how things go, but if we do it right I think we can open this year."

Hall said the major challenge at this was getting enough managers and life-

guards to staff the facility.

"I'm all for giving it a try this year," said Hall.

The discussion was prompted by Visit Wabash County creative lead Katie Jones, who addressed the board during last month's meeting about the upcoming extreme triathlon, DAM(N)!MAN!. Jones said like last year, DAM(N)!MAN! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride, which will be Sunday, Sept. 12.

Jones said the extreme triathlon would include a 3.1-

mile swim, a 150-mile bike ride that goes with Dam to Dam and a 30-mile run afterward.

Jones said for the swimming portion, they were requesting to use the Honeywell Pool. She said the athletes would arrive at the home base location at InGuard at 4:30 a.m. and then trolley-shuttled to the pool for a 5 a.m. start time. She said the swimmers would then have until 7 a.m. to shuttle back to InGuard.

Jones said they have slots

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# WCPL, city to split StoryWalk paving costs



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Parents and children celebrate during the opening of the StoryWalk in October 2019.

## Construction of \$13,500 project expected to begin later this year

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The paving of the StoryWalk at Paradise Springs Riverwalk Trail will be split between the city Parks Department and the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL).

During their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, the Wabash Parks Board approved the motion unanimously, with board member William Benysh abstaining.

During last month's meeting, Parks Department superintendent Adam Hall said the WCPL board had brought it to his attention that they would like the StoryWalk to

be paved.

Hall said he had then spoken with Gaunt & Son Asphalt vice president Sam Knight about what they were looking for.

Hall said Knight had returned with a quote for an 8-foot-wide walkway that was \$13,500 and involved 320 feet of paving and the removal of a portion of the StoryWalk which is already there.

The board then unanimously approved the acceptance of the paving quote but put approval of the entire project on hold until the WCPL board could come back with an amount they were able to contribute.

Hall said that the WCPL board may be open to paying for part of the paving costs, but that his department already had \$23,000 budgeted for the year specifically for paving.

"We have the funds to take care of that," said Hall.

During Wednesday's meeting, Hall said he had since spoken with WCPL director Ware Wimberly, who said their board would be willing to pay for half the cost of the paving work.

"The work looked really positive from their quote," Hall.

The StoryWalk, located on Huntington Street and first opened in October 2019,

"provides an opportunity for people of all ages to combine physical activity with books and to help children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy activity for everyone," according to the WCPL.

Hall said they would probably begin construction later in the fall.

Parks board member Eric Schoening said he hoped the paving would be as close to the existing signs which make up the StoryWalk as possible.

"We shouldn't have to move signs," said Hall.

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# After 20 years of searching, WACT now has a home

## Paperwork signed to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S. Wabash St.

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It took two decades, but the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will finally have a place to call home.

Earlier this month, the local nonprofit performing arts organization announced the acquisition of a facility, said WACT Board vice president and committee chairman Eric Seaman.

Seaman said WACT Board president Bev Vanderpool signed paperwork Thursday, Feb. 25 to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S. Wabash St.

Seaman this building will serve as a central location for the organization to not only store its assets but to have a creative space as well.

"While WACT's search for an official location went on for decades, the initiative ramped up about a year ago,

as the organization's assets, including props, costumes, set lumber and paint, have been scattered around the county at various locations," said Seaman.

Seaman said the WACT's 12-member Board of Directors created a Building Committee to oversee the initiative.

Seaman said 13 months later, "WACT's dream has finally come to fruition."

"I can't put into words what this truly means for WACT," said Vanderpool. "This acquisition sets us up for so much success and security. After taking tours of several facilities and seriously considering a few, WACT has finally found our home and it's perfect for us. We're also happy to share that we kept all of the aspects of this acquisition, from realty and title work to financing and closing, with local

businesses."

WACT annually produces at least three or four shows in Wabash, including a fall musical, a straight-play spring comedy and Christmas programming, as well as variety programming and "dinnertainment" opportunities.

Over Valentine's Day weekend, Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) returned to the stage with their production of "Love Letters" after several months of absence. And, now the group is set to return with their spring comedy.

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

"Love Letters" was Robinson's directorial debut after having been featured in several recent WACT productions as an actor, including Felix Unger in the 2019



Provided photo

WACT Board president Bev Vanderpool, center, is joined by WACT Board member Beth Miller, left, and Crossroads Bank vice president of agricultural and commercial lending Rod Morrison, right, as Vanderpool signs paperwork to close on WACT's new property in Wabash.

spring production of "The Odd Couple," the King in the fall 2018 musical "Once Upon a Mattress" and more. Seaman said the newly-ac-

quired South Wabash Street property is located near Nancy J's Fabrics, B-K Root

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# Before the next time you speak, you better read this

As a pastor, I have to watch myself. Well, that’s true for a myriad of reasons, but when it comes to our attitude when speaking to others this applies to you, too.

As those who spend a lot of time preparing what we

**Rev. Todd Render**



are going to say to people, it is inevitable that certain individuals come to mind and become “targets” for a particular message.

Ever find yourself getting worked up, wanting to tell somebody how they are wrong, why they are wrong, how our problems – mine, theirs, the country’s and the cosmos’ – are their fault? I think that half of the counseling deals with this particular human foible: our need to be right. Do you also find this attitude then gets projected on whole categories of people, and when we think of a person we start thinking of them as one of “them,” how wrong they are because, of course, we know that we are right? This is serious stuff, the substance of which has poisoned our public discourse resulted in not only the dissolution of marriage and family relationships but is threatening academic freedom and challenging our rights under the first amendment of the constitution – our desperate need to be right.

The Apostle John, in his inimitably simple and loving way, gives us a vigorous kick in the backside. He was known as one of the “sons of thunder,” after all. “Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right

is righteous, just as He is righteous.” (1John 3:7 NIV)

Much of the heresy that John was combating in his day was about people who thought they had secret knowledge – secret knowledge of God, of the universe, of who Jesus was and what He was about, of a person’s true identity. These were people who thought they were righteous because of what they thought they knew. How is that like the church today? Also, how is that like everyone espousing identity politics on all sides of the political spectrum?

John did not address them telling them how important it was to “be right.” Did you pick that up? Being right is not about what you know, it is about what you and I do. It means “doing right.”

One theology professor talks about doing right in three categories. First, we need to do right by others. Jesus blasted the legalistic religious folks of his day for concentrating on details of what they wore and keeping themselves clean and being exact about religious obligations, but neglecting justice, compassion and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). If we are not exercising the sacrificial love of God towards others, then we are probably driving people away and damning ourselves in the process. Second, we must do right with ourselves. What does that mean? According to God that means killing pride, confessing our sinfulness, forgiving others as we have been forgiven, acknowledging that whatever good I have in this life is a gift of God by grace, even the ability to enjoy those things we need to live, that God has kept me around so that I might

grow to be more like Jesus every day and do His work to build up His church and His kingdom. Third, we need to do right with God. Do not be the guy about whom Jesus says “I never knew you,” diminishing or denying God. If I say I am a Christ-follower and still gossip or lie when I will not do what the Bible says, because it makes me uncomfortable, or it does not mean what He said, or the words of God recorded in the Bible do not apply to us – then that is a sign we might not know Jesus. However, it gets even more difficult. I find the older I get, the more I learn, the more I know that I might be mistaken. What I thought I knew to be right, may not have been correct after all.

In a time when a host of factors drive us to become more and more isolated, distrustful or afraid of our neighbors, where we communicate by posting signs in the yard and on social media to get “likes” from people with whom we already agree, can we perhaps pause and ask: what is it that my family, my neighbor, my country needs right now? How can we initiate a real conversation? What is the right thing to do in this situation? So help us God.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 54 / 35	<b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 50 / 36	<b>Monday</b> Few Showers 49 / 42	<b>Tuesday</b> Few Showers 59 / 38	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 55 / 34

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:48 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:55 a.m.

New 3/13	First 3/21	Full 3/28	Last 4/4

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 55°, humidity of 37%. Northeast wind 7 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 35°. Northeast wind 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 31°. Sunday, skies will be cloudy with a 40% chance of showers, high of 50°, humidity of 58%.

## The old hymns and new anthems of the COVID year

It’s a hymn that the faithful start singing whenever a Baptist church organist plays the opening chords – because everyone knows it by heart.

All together now: “When peace like a river attendeth

**Terry Mattingly**



my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

Chicago attorney Horatio Spafford wrote those words after losing his son to scarlet fever and then, a few years later, all four of his daughters in an 1873 shipwreck. His wife, Anna, survived, and her telegram home from England began: “Saved alone. What shall I do?”

No one should be surprised that worship leaders frequently turned to “It Is Well With My Soul” as their people wrestled with the coronavirus pandemic, said the Rev. Roger O’Neel, who teaches in the worship and music program at Cedarville University in Ohio.

“People were feeling their way in 2020,” he said. “It wasn’t just the pandemic and people being locked down, worshipping in (on-line) streamed services. We were also facing all the bitter political conflicts in our nation and the racial divisions that we were experiencing.

... People were trying to find hymns that would speak to all of that, to the pain that everyone felt last year.”

Faithlife, a Bellingham, Washington, company that publishes online worship and Bible study tools,

recently released a report covering 2020 trends spotted in its Proclaim software. “It Is Well With My Soul” topped the hymns list, with usage increasing 68 percent after the pandemic hit.

The classic hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” came next, with a 64 percent increase. It begins: “Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! ... Morning by morning, new mercies I see; all I have needed, Thy hand hath provided – great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.”

In contemporary music, the unofficial pandemic anthem was “Way Maker,” by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu of Nigeria, a Pentecostal songwriter known as Sinach in America. This hit topped charts in Christian radio and was No. 1 in the Faithlife “worship songs” list, along with the year’s rankings with Christian Copyright Licensing International. Christianity Today noted that “Way Maker” was sung by many marchers calling for racial justice.

It’s easy, agreed O’Neel, to see how these lyrics spoke to millions in 2020: “You wipe away all tears, you mend the broken heart. You are the answer to it all, Jesus. ... Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, Light in the darkness – my God, that is who you are.”

For centuries, hymn writers and pastors have wrestled with sobering questions linked to the theological term “theodicy.” The American Heritage Dictionary defines theodicy as a “vindication of God’s

goodness and justice in the face of the existence of evil.”

There was no way to avoid dealing with that in 2020.

“I don’t want to debate the theological intricacies as to whether God is allowing the virus or caused the virus, but I do know that He is in control,” wrote O’Neel in an online essay for clergy and students, posted early in the pandemic. “I don’t want to presume to know what He is doing in allowing this in our lives and in the lives of people all around the world. ...

“Perhaps God is making us lay down for some rest or spiritual renewal,” he continued. “If so, embrace the rest. Don’t spend too much time thinking about what you are missing, worrying about the virus or economy. ... Maybe your Shepherd is making you lie down.”

Now, many worship leaders are contemplating what they have learned after months away from sanctuaries packed with worshippers belting out Christian-rock anthems, hands raised high in the air.

“We’ve joked that some people had to learn how to do church without their smoke machines,” said O’Neel, referring to the clouds of mist that make lighting more dramatic in some modern sanctuaries. “We want to get back to normal, but what is ‘normal’? One guitar or one piano? When will we have a full band? When will we reach the stage where choirs return?”

“We all had to pause this year and ask questions about how we worship.”

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## Manchester offers remote learning pathway for pharmacy students

By ANNE GREGORY

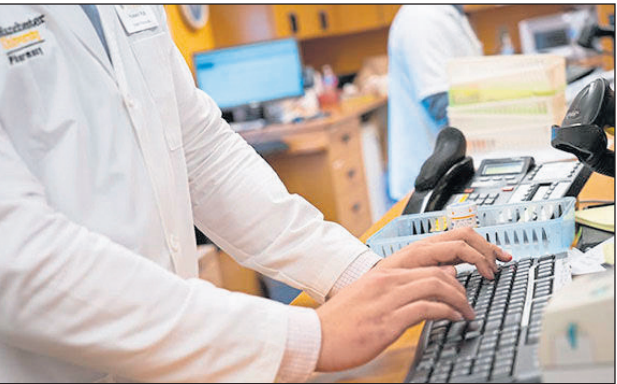
Manchester University has created a remote learning pathway for all pharmacy students for the fall 2021 semester.

Students have the option of taking all classes remotely.

This action is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and this remote learning pathway could continue into the spring 2022 semester.

Current and prospective students are encouraged to contact [pharmacy@manchester.edu](mailto:pharmacy@manchester.edu) for more information.

Manchester also waived pharmacy deposits for the



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Manchester University has created a remote learning pathway for all pharmacy students for the fall 2021 semester.

2020-2021 application cycle in response to the pandemic. Anne Gregory is the assistant

director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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# Obituaries

## Clara Lou Martin

Jan. 24, 1936 – March 11, 2021

Clara Lou Martin, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:06 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021 at her home. She was born Jan. 24, 1936 in Wabash County, Indiana, to Burvia Haskel and Lona (Nelson) Lawson.



Clara was a 1954 Somerset High School graduate and attended Marion Beauty College. She married Charles Max Martin at the Somerset United Methodist Church on March 17, 1957. Clara Lou was a hairdresser 36 years and worked in Human Resources at the Wabash County Hospital, retiring in 2001 after 20 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wabash, and a longtime member of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Somerset. She was also a member and past Worthy Matron of the Lafontaine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Woman's Clubhouse Association, Red Hat Society, and the Wabash Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Max Martin of Wabash; three children, Ronald E. (Mari) Martin of Converse, Indiana, Rhonda Martin and Deanna (Rod) Grey, both of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandchildren, Scott Martin of Wabash, Lori (Scott) Turner of Indianapolis, Indiana, Derek Grey of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Danielle Grey of Phoenix, Arizona, two great-grand-

sons, Logan Noble Turner and Landon Charles Turner, both of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Burvia "Sonny" Lawson, and two sisters, Norma Jean Larimore and Geraldine Jones.

Family will receive friends from 2 – 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, at the funeral home, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. The family requests facial coverings be worn.

Preferred memorials are the First United Methodist Church or Parkview Wabash Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Clara Lou may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Karen Kay Middleton

Sept. 20, 1940 – March 9, 2021

Karen Kay Middleton, 80, of Somerset, Indiana, died at 8 a.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at her home. She was born Sept. 20, 1940 in Marion, Indiana, to James Curtis and N. Maxine (Pace) Hopkins.



Karen was a 1958 graduate of Wabash High School, and a 1961 graduate of the Lutheran School of Nursing. She married Howard Robert Middleton in Wabash on June 29, 1963; he died June 29, 2015. Karen was a registered nurse at Wabash County Hospital and Millers Merry Manor, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church. Karen enjoyed volunteering her time serving others. She also enjoyed flower gardening, yard work, traveling, and spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by two children, Jennifer (Steve) Unger

of Wabash, and Andy (Leslie) Middleton of Indianapolis, Indiana; four grandchildren, Calvin Unger and Kayla (Dan) Copeland, both of Wabash, Margaret Middleton and Jake Middleton, both of Indianapolis; great grandson, Blake Daniel Copeland of Wabash; sister, Rita Miller of Wabash; and two half brothers, Gerald Hopkins of Wabash, and Gene Hopkins of Nashville, Tennessee. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

There will be a memorial service at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is MGH Cancer Center, 441 N Wabash Ave, Marion, IN 46952.

The memorial guest book for Karen may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Robert 'Bob' Alan Simons

Dec. 29, 1948 – March 10, 2021

Robert "Bob" Alan Simons, 72, of rural Akron, Indiana passed away on March 10, 2021.

Bob was born on Dec. 29, 1948 in Wabash, Indiana to Charles Robert and Lois (Highley) Simons.

Following Bob's wishes no services will be held at this time. The arrangements for Mr.

Simons have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's memory to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306 or the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Bernice Frank

Funeral services were held for Bernice Frank at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940. Pastor Ted Batson was the officiant, and the musician was Phyllis Price. Family shared many sweet memories and funny anecdotes of Bernice.

Burial followed at the La-

Fontaine IOOF Cemetery. The pallbearers were her twelve grandchildren: Abby Rhoads, Brad Frank, Gary Kelley, Greg Kelley, Gina Baker, Gabe Kelley, Grant Kelley, Travis Herendeen, Angel Waters, Troy Herendeen, Shelly Mulligan and Dustin Keen

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

# Virtual and in-person church services

## STAFF REPORT

### Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, March 14 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The morning message will be, "Only By Prayer," by Pastor Mike Bullick.

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

### Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 14, the worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 6:19-24 with a sermon reflection titled, "What Are You Investing?" Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

### Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St.

COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

### Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, March 14 services at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person mornings Sunday services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be, "What Will You Do with the Word" from Jeremiah Chapter 36. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be a Children's Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Brooke Swope and Holli Good. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

### Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 27 at the church.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m.

every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. At this time we are not having Sunday School. On Sunday, March 14, Pastor Jack Suits will speak on Ephesians 5:15-24, "Relationships – Part 2." On Sunday, March 21, Pastor Jack Suits will speak on Ephesians 5:21-6:4, "Relationships – Part 3." For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvmc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvmc@hotmail.com).

### Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 14. The sermon will be taken from Romans 10:8-9 titled, "Confess." This will be Noisy Bucket Sunday for Children's Missions.

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the

top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

### Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Guest Preacher.

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

### Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14 worship service, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "The Most Wicked of All Words." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Todd Ealtzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

### Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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# Music? Yes. Dancing? No, as New Orleans eases virus rules

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Live indoor music can resume in New Orleans beginning this weekend, city officials announced Wednesday, but dancing will remain prohibited, while venues, performers and audiences will be under strict requirements to employ measures to control the spread of the coronavirus.

The new rules take effect Friday morning, in response to a decline of new coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in the city. It was not

immediately clear how many bars and other live music venues will be able to meet them and begin hosting live entertainment again in a city where music is ingrained in cultural history and vital to tourism.

Brian Greenberg, general manager of Tiptina's, said he thinks the historic music club and bar may be able to pull it off, although not right away. "We have a floor plan that we've already mapped out," he said Wednesday afternoon. "We're a big room,

so we have that advantage."

Greenberg added that he and the bar's owners and staff still need to review the extensive regulations, which are based on guidelines already in effect statewide. They require mask wearing, social distancing, proper ventilation and also include details on when singers are required to wear face coverings and how trumpet players should empty their spit valves.

Dancing is ruled out under the regulations, which also note that patrons must "re-

frain from cheering or singing along."

"Each club, institution, is really going to have to look at those and then check with the state fire marshal," city health director Jennifer Avegno said at a news conference with Mayor LaToya Cantrell. "They're not overly onerous. They can be done."

Rachael Arrington, a manager at the Maple Leaf Bar, a neighborhood music joint that hasn't opened since March 16, 2020, says the club cannot meet the require-

ments. The stage is narrow, posing a problem in keeping performers 6 feet apart. "That's definitely going to be an issue," Arrington said, adding that for the time being the business will focus on outdoor concerts and events sponsored with other venues.

Live music has not been allowed at indoor events in New Orleans in almost a year, since the city became an early hot spot in the COVID-19 pandemic. Bars have been under on-again, off-again shutdown orders and efforts

to prevent the spread of the disease resulted in a virtual shutdown of Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras, when the thoroughfare of restaurants and entertainment venues would ordinarily have been crowded with revelers.

Limits are still in effect. St. Patrick's Day parades and block parties remain forbidden in the city even as officials ease limitations on crowds. Starting Friday, indoor gatherings will be limited to 75 people and outdoor gatherings to 150.



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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

**Proverbs 16:8**

# A year of COVID-19 has left immeasurable holes in American life

The statistical measures of the COVID-19 pandemic, which a year ago forced a stunning global shutdown of schools, businesses and travel, can be hard to contextualize. We've swept past 2,600,000 dead worldwide, with a fifth of them — more than 525,000 — in the U.S. The human impact is staggering and still growing — 117 million cases globally, nearly 30 million in the U.S. — and the full effects won't be known until this crisis is safely behind us.

Just 13 months ago, the pernicious disease didn't have a name, and even now no one can say with absolute certainty how long this coronavirus has been around or how it infected its first human. Most sobering: As disastrous as this is for humankind, at a fundamental level it is nature doing its thing, which reinforces the reality that as smart as we might think we are, nature doesn't care.

The losses are both individual and mass: Futures canceled for those who died and curtailed for those who survived. Families left to mourn and struggle to fill the emptiness. Neighborhoods and communities — particularly those comprising low-income people of color, where

the virus has been most destructive — straining for normalcy.

The majority of the dead were over age 65, and many were living in nursing homes or other ostensibly supportive environments. So the virus stole the lives of elders — parents and grandparents — and left younger generations to grapple with grief, loss and, in some cases, guilt.

What if I had quit work and not brought the virus home to my family? What if I had cared for my parents myself and not persuaded them to move into assisted living? What if urging them to forgo independence for the sake of safety brought them to an early death?

Young children, too, must wrestle with the deaths of parents and grandparents — role models they otherwise would rely on to guide them through these terrifying times. Communities must grapple with members taken from them prematurely, with potential unfulfilled. It's not a lost generation but a random collection of holes ripped in the multi-generational fabrics that bind families, neighborhoods, communities. We'll never be able to envision what kind of quilt those missing fragments might make if we stitched

them together.

We fix on milestones, as though the 500,000th death somehow means more than the 499,999th. In reality, because health officials were so late to understand the sweep of this infection, we can't even rely on the numbers. So these astoundingly high death counts are just floors, really, the minimum measure of what we know, not of what has occurred.

But one thing is certain: The count continues, as does the economic pain that has befallen people untouched by the virus itself, with careers and entire industries upended.

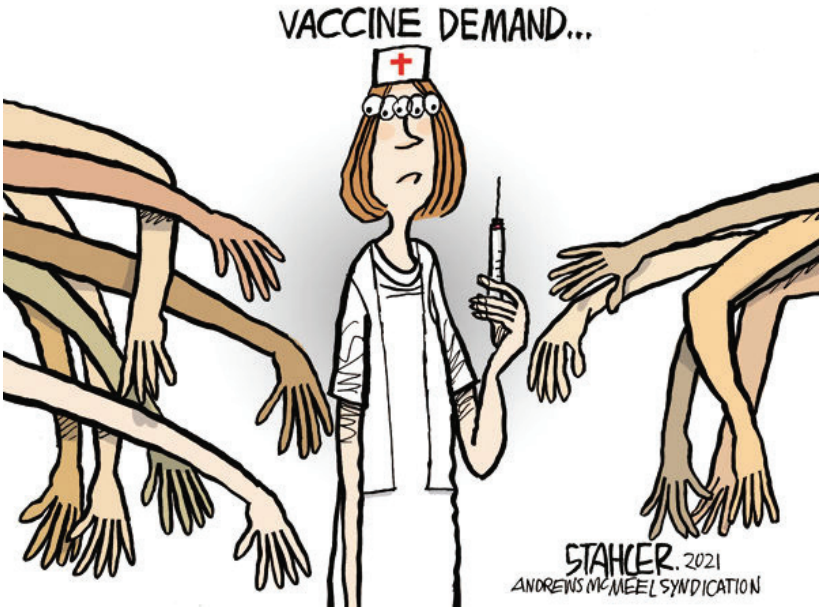
There is a lot to be angry about. President Trump's callous dismissiveness about the pandemic, even after he too was hospitalized with COVID-19. State governors who pooh-poohed the reality and resisted the guidelines and restrictions that would have saved lives. And those delusional deniers who continue to claim that science is a leftist conspiracy to subvert personal freedoms, oblivious to the dangers they pose to the rest of us in their pugnacious embrace of an uncompromising individualism. It's not "America first" so much as "me first," putting the lie to the aspirational notion that

when the chips are down, Americans hang together.

Yet most of us do hang together, do support each other, do recognize the broader necessity of working for the common good. Imagine how much worse this crisis would have been were it not for emergency workers, hospital medical teams and support staffs who have been struggling with their own losses, personal grief and the nagging fear that their jobs might endanger their own families — they do the work anyway. Or the essential employees who've continued to provide us with food, mail, water, power and other necessities, despite the risks.

So here we are, a year after government officials began ordering businesses and schools shuttered, after we began looking at each other warily and worrying over a tickle in the throat, and after we began sheltering in place against a danger we could not see. It is, in the end, a reminder that for all of our human advances and hubristic successes over nature, we are still a part of the web of life and susceptible to its capricious ways.

*This editorial was originally published in the Los Angeles Times.*



## School funding our biggest economic challenge

Last week's column on school funding in Indiana stirred a great deal of conversation around the state. I am glad it did, but cannot take credit for the interest. Most Hoosiers are keenly attentive to their local schools and concerned about the economic performance of their cities and towns. These issues are intimately linked, yet too few Hoosiers appreciate how fully they are connected. For example, more than one

**Michael Hicks**



person tried to explain that we could not afford more money for schools because higher taxes would slow the economy. He was wrong.

My column is not politically biased; a desire for a better economy is hardly a partisan position. I'm an economist, and insofar as I have anything useful to write about education, it is about its effect on the economy.

Among the most repeatedly demonstrated facts in the social sciences is the link between educational attainment and economic performance. On average, better-educated people are more productive, which means they produce more per year in goods or services and earn a higher income. Likewise, better-educated counties are more productive and earn more income. This relationship holds for cities, states, nations and continents. This is no accident.

Better educational attainment both causes and is caused by a better economy. Educational attainment is the most important factor in determining regional economic conditions, and the performance of schools is the most important factor in household location decisions. A well-educated place attracts more well-educated families. Those relationships can hardly be in doubt. But, how import is school spending on educational attainment?

The report from the Teacher Pay Commission mentioned several studies from the nation's top education economists. Among the 379 footnotes were studies from the Hoover Institution, a highly respected conservative think tank. They raised precisely the same concerns I did last week. The report also cited the nation's top K-12 researcher, whom I would describe as a center-left economist. His study notes that when it comes to educational outcomes, "the question

of whether money matters is essentially settled." He is right; education dollars do matter, and it is time for Hoosier taxpayers and policymakers to acknowledge this. As I wrote last week, if we spent the same share of our state's GDP on education that we did in 2010, it would be \$1.3 billion more per year for schools.

I am well aware of Indiana's claims and nationwide reputation for having a good business climate, low taxes, a modest regulatory burden and a ready workforce. Unlike some, I have no doubt that Hoosier policymakers who undertook these policies did so with the best of intentions. They want the economy to grow, and they felt this was the right path forward. I used to believe that myself. But when the facts change, I change my mind, as should we all.

From the summer of 2009 when the recession ended, through the end of 2019, Indiana grew at only 41 percent the rate of the nation as a whole. For all our claims about having a strong workforce, a good business climate and smart regulatory policies, the facts say otherwise. Businesses and families are overwhelmingly choosing places other than Indiana. It's time to do something differently.

As I described last week, Indiana spent the last decade reducing inflation-adjusted school spending by a full 7.0 percent per student. This happened during the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, when we should have been making historic investments in people and places.

This won't be popular, but I think the evidence demonstrates the school choice reforms were largely effective and should remain an integral part of education policy. I think both micro studies of student performance and the state's overall test scores suggest school choice is a net benefit. But, simply imposing competition on local schools was not enough. We took the wrong lessons from the early successes of school choice and neglected the rest of public education.

The best way to think about this is to consider what Hoosier families did when they were offered educational choice. Most chose to stay where they were, in part because family location decisions are so heavily influenced by local school quality. So, 86.4 percent of kids attend their local public schools.

But, among families who chose other schools for their kids, the num-

ber one choice was another public school. Even with vouchers, private school enrollments crashed by 21 percent since 2007. Last year another 5.8 percent chose a different local public school, 4.1 percent chose a charter school, the plurality of which are run by local public schools. Only 3.3 percent chose a private school voucher. If you admire the usefulness markets have in signaling value, it is pretty obvious where the value in K-12 education lies.

Today, the biggest risk to continuing Indiana's successful school choice experiment isn't a teacher's union or courts. The biggest risk to school choice is that it will be blamed for the heavy budget reductions for everyone else's education and the lackluster economic outcomes that resulted. If you support continued school choice, you must also support the 86.4 percent of families who choose local public schools.

The recovery from the COVID recession will favor people and places with strong educational attainment. The next decade will amplify the trends of higher demand for educated workers. Without vigorous intervention, this will prove tough for Indiana's economy. We should do everything we can to prevent another failed recovery like the last one. Dedicating more resources to education is the most urgent remedy we can undertake.

Finally, education alone won't solve the problem, and a teacher's pay increase won't, by itself, solve our educational challenges. We need more Hoosiers to leave high school and then graduate from college. We need to attract more educated people from other states and nations, and we need to make more of our communities inviting to new residents. Doing all of this takes time, and it involves much more than additional tax dollars.

Still, our local schools serve two key functions. They both produce the foundation of educated people and serve as the most important magnet for those families who value education. Indiana's unwillingness to sustain school funding and expand educational attainment sends a strong signal to businesses and families around the nation. The question isn't really whether or not we can afford to spend more money on education in Indiana. The real question is how can we afford not to?

## Three big problems with Medicare

By **WOODROW WILCOX**

There are many problems with the Medicare system. I know. I have been fighting mistakes and fraud in the Medicare system for 18 years. I have saved senior citizens over two million dollars. So, I know about problems in the Medicare system.

There are three big problems. All three are caused or allowed by the federal government. All three hurt senior citizens in a big way financially. Here are the three big problems.

First, the Medicare claims communication system breaks down. It disconnects. It is based on a system of internet, telephone, and satellite parts. When the connection is broken, lots of claims or parts of claims get lost. When the insurance companies don't get notified of Medicare claims, the claims don't get paid by the insurance companies. Then, medical billing firms send bills to the senior citizen patients. If no one helps the senior to fix the problem, the senior is hounded to pay a bill that would have been paid if the Medicare system worked reliably. In my book, "Solving Medicare Problems," I gave my calculations for my belief that this one problem alone is costing senior citizens over one billion dollars per year in false medical bills.

Second, Medicare often does not report revised claim rulings to the Medicare supplement insurance companies. Again, this causes senior citizens to get false medical bills that would have been paid by their supplement insurance plans if only Medicare had sent the revised claim rulings to the insurance companies. This probably costs senior citizens millions and millions of dollars per year in false medical bills that they are hounded to pay if they don't get help to fix the problem.

Third, Medicare has a poor enforcement system. When medical billers send false bills to seniors, it is difficult or impossible to get Medicare to discipline the wrongdoers. A few years ago, over 50 of the clients of our insurance agency were getting bills from a local X-ray service weeks after our client's insurance companies had paid the bills for them. The medical billing firm was cashing the checks from the insurance companies and sending bills to our clients for the same amounts that the insurance companies had already paid. I caught them. The doctor who ran the local x-ray firm knew nothing about the false billing by the medical billing company. The Attorney General of Indiana was much more interested and swifter to stop the false medical billing than federal Medicare officials were.

Just think. If America gets a health care system based on the Medicare system, it will have all the problems of the Medicare system to cause headaches and financial problems for everyone.

*Woodrow Wilcox is the senior medical bill case worker at Senior Care Insurance Services in Merrillville. His book, "Solving Medicare Problems," is available online and through many booksellers.*



# LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## Upping your mash game

What could be better than a rich and creamy bowl of mashed potatoes? How about a bowl of mashed potatoes infused with celery and horseradish?

This fluffy bowl piles on the roots, with celery root and horseradish joining the mix. The result is a delicious side of potatoes, with an extra dimension of fragrance, flavor and bite.

**Lynda Balslev**



Celery root, also known as celeriac, is the dark horse of root vegetables. Don't let its gnarly, bulbous exterior put you off. Once you cut away the skin, a milky white interior is revealed, softly redolent with celery. Celery root can be eaten raw and grated into salads, and when cooked, it's a non-starchy alternative or complement to potatoes in mashes, gratins and soups.

Horseradish is also a root and belongs to the mustard family, which explains its peppery bite. Horseradish is often grated raw and folded into sauces and garnished over meats. Sharp and

nutty, horseradish is quite strong when fresh, but its flavor fades and bite softens with cooking, so don't be deterred by the amount in the recipe.

This is a lovely side dish to accompany meat and stews. The potatoes are left unpeeled, and their nutrient-rich skins fleck this side dish, adding flavor and texture. Peel the potatoes if you prefer a smoother texture.

### Mashed Potatoes and Roots

**Active Time: 10 minutes**  
**Total Time: 55 minutes**  
**Yield: Serves 6 to 8**

- 1 1/2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 pounds celery root, peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 thyme sprigs
- Salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream, plus more as needed
- 4 tablespoons finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided
- 3 tablespoons finely grated peeled fresh horseradish, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the potatoes and celery root in large pot and cover with cold water. Tie the bay leaf and thyme sprigs with kitchen string to make a bouquet garni and add to the pot along with 1 tablespoon salt. Bring to a boil and simmer, partially covered, until the potatoes and celery root are very tender, about 20 minutes. Drain thoroughly and discard the bouquet garni.

Transfer the vegetables to a large bowl, add the butter, and mash with a potato masher. Stir in the sour cream, 2 tablespoons cheese, 2 tablespoons horseradish and the pepper. If too thick, mix in more sour cream to your desired consistency. Add salt to your taste and mix well. Transfer the potatoes to a buttered 2-quart baking dish.

Mix the remaining 2 tablespoons cheese and 1 tablespoon horseradish in a small bowl. Sprinkle over top of potatoes. Transfer the potatoes to the oven and bake until the top is tinged golden brown and the potatoes are heated through, about 25 minutes. Serve warm.

## Netflix series asks couples with up to \$35,000 saved: ‘Marriage or Mortgage’?

COVID-19 changed so much in our lives, including nuptials, forcing couples to scale down or even cancel lavish wedding celebrations.

I'm hoping, post-covid, people will realize that they can get married without staging a break-the-bank, open-bar reception or donning a dress that costs the equivalent of two months' rent.

Yet I know it won't be long until most people can get vaccinated, making it safer to have large gatherings, and not much longer before reckless wedding spending will return.

Far too often, people spend based on their feelings rather than what makes financial sense in the long term.

Pre-pandemic, I struggled to convince couples that dropping thousands of dollars on a wedding they really couldn't afford was financially irresponsible.

You can't put a price on your happiness, or on a lifetime memory, they would argue.

Oh yes you can.

Others proudly pointed out that they had saved for their big day. But such proclamations don't impress me if you have five- or six-figure student loan debt awaiting upon your return from a Caribbean honeymoon. A wedding shouldn't wipe out your emergency fund.

So, with this in mind, I was intrigued by a new Netflix show debuting March 10 called "Marriage or Mortgage."

The reality show involves a friendly competition between a wedding planner, Sarah Miller, and a real estate agent, Nichole Holmes. In each episode, the Nashville-based professionals help couples decide between the wedding of their dreams and their dream home.

The show was filmed before coronavirus-related shutdowns and restrictions, but once things return to normal, couples will again face the decision of whether to shell out money for a wedding or use their savings as a down payment on a home, the hosts told me during an interview.

As I sat down to preview the 10-part series, I was sure I would hate it, but I



**Michelle Singletary**

was mesmerized waiting to see what people would do. If I didn't fear breaking my TV, I would have thrown my shoe at the screen several times during the viewing. Kudos to the producers and hosts, because you will be surprised by which couples opt for the wedding and which ones go for the home.

My husband and 25-year-old daughter watched "Marriage or Mortgage" with me. About 15 minutes into Episode 8, my daughter couldn't take any more. She grabbed the remote to fast-forward to the end to see whether one couple, together eight years and living in a two-bedroom apartment, would choose to spend \$20,000 on a wedding, including \$4,900 budgeted for a bridal dress.

In the interest of full disclosure, I bought my wedding dress at a consignment shop for less than \$200. There was no open bar. I told guests who complained that they could go home and drink their own liquor.

It was so funny how frustrated my daughter became, struggling to understand how a sales operation specialist and an Uber driver would choose a pricey wedding celebration instead of taking the \$20,000 and using it as a down payment on a four-bedroom home with a spacious backyard for them and their two young sons. Saving that much money couldn't have been easy for them, my daughter fumed.

My husband left the room at the same point, muttering: "Crazy concept. It's a no-brainer. I'm out."

Mortgage rates are near historical lows. As of March 4, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 3.02 percent, according to Freddie Mac, the federally chartered mortgage investor.

The choice between a one-day party and wealth-building homeownership seemed obvious to us.

It clearly wasn't so simple for the profiled couples, who had saved up as much as \$35,000.

"How do we pick from the day that we want and the future?" says Nicholas. He and his fiancée, Denise, are torn between having an Elvis Presley-themed wedding and taking the \$25,000 they've saved and buying a home.

One bride-to-be says,

"My head and my heart are going in two different directions."

Cue scream from me: "Choose your head, you fool!"

Those of us in the business of helping people make wise financial choices are often flummoxed when folks let their feelings drive such an important financial decision.

Miller, the wedding planner, almost had me understanding why couples would go for the wedding.

"You get to learn these couples and what's important to them," she said. "I'm not in this industry to make people make bad decisions and go broke or in debt. The people who come to me, we try to expand their budget as best as possible and really kind of help them and guide them in the direction so they're not going over their means."

I'll admit, I became invested in the series. I wanted to see how each couple arrived at the decision that they did. In so many respects, this show is all about behavioral economics, a field of study that looks at the psychology behind the decision-making processes of individuals. People often make choices that are not in their financial best interest.

"Speaking from the more realist, linear-thinking person that I am, I just see taking that lump sum of money and investing it in property with the possibility of growing – that is a no-brainer," Holmes said. "But that's why this show is so amazing and why I think it's going to have so many people rooting for the mortgage, or the hopeless romantics of the world saying: 'How could you give up your big day for a mortgage? That doesn't seem very fun.'"

So where do I stand on "Marriage or Mortgage"?

I think it will delight romantics and disgust penny pinchers.

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## Mayo Clinic Q and A: How owning pets can lead to a healthier lifestyle

**FROM MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK (TNS)**

**DEAR MAYO CLINIC:** I have been working from home as a result of COVID-19. The adjustment has been difficult, and created a lot of stress and strain on my mental and physical health. I find that I spend much of my time in front of the computer. I eat more often, and I barely go outside. A friend suggested I adopt a dog to lift my spirits and get me motivated to go outside. Would I see any real benefits from this? Is there any connection between pets and our health?

**ANSWER:** Pets play a huge role in creating a healthy lifestyle. In fact, studies have shown that pet ownership can enhance fitness levels, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, relieve stress, improve mental and heart health, and boost overall happiness and well-being. Evidence also suggests that connections to pets provide good social support – an important factor in helping you stick with new health habits.

One of the main benefits is that dogs force us to get up and move for routine and regular walks. A research study found that dog owners more likely report regular

physical activity patterns, a healthy diet and ideal blood sugar levels compared to those who do not own dogs. This is beneficial to your heart health because increased physical activity helps strengthen your heart muscles, making it more efficient in pumping blood throughout your body and improving overall heart health.

It's no secret that pets contribute to overall happiness. Owning a dog has even been linked to better mental health and less perception of social isolation – both risk factors for heart attacks. Dog owners have increased interaction with people, and are less likely to experience depression. This helps to diminish social isolation, which can reduce worse health outcomes and premature death.

Even just interacting with a dog has shown to increase levels of "feel-good" brain chemicals, such as oxytocin and dopamine. This creates positive, happy feelings and a great bonding experience for you and your pet. Pets bring a significant benefit to working from home. Over 50 percent of people surveyed said they would prefer if they could bring their pet to work.

There are four major ways pets can help with your mental health while working from home:

- Pets can reduce work-related stress. Two out of three employees say work stresses them out, and 40 percent say their job gets in the way of their health. Studies show that pets in the workplace reduce stress and improve employee satisfaction.
- Pets help manage anxiety. Up to 30 percent of the workforce could be working from home multiple days per week by the end of 2021, according to Global Workplace Analytics. So, now more than ever, people are struggling with mental health. Pets provide companionship and support.
- Pets help you be more active. Pets give us a reason to get outside, get some fresh air and get in some physical activity.
- Pets combat loneliness. The bond with pets helps people feel less alone. Owners can touch, see, hear or talk to their companion animals, which helps to bring joy and happiness.

Aside from your mental health, owning a pet – a canine in particular – can significantly help your heart. This is the finding of a Kardiozive Brno 2030 study,

which looked at the association of pet ownership – specifically dog ownership – with cardiovascular disease risk factors and cardiovascular health, in part due to the increase in physical activity.

While walking a dog around the neighborhood may not always sound so enticing, don't forget to look for ways to incorporate your furry friend into other activities. If your neighborhood has a local dog park, it's a wonderful way for your dog to let off some steam while you make friends with other canine owners.

Consider also that you can hop in the car with your pet and have a picnic elsewhere. Bring healthy snacks for both of you. In warmer months, venture out to a nearby beach or lake. You can run or walk on the shore, chase balls, and swim. There is always something to be said for getting exercise outdoors and having a companion.

Owning a dog is a big decision that takes a lot of responsibility, but there are countless mental and physical benefits. Consider getting a pet to help you be more active and socially connected, while also improving heart health and promoting a healthy lifestyle.



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Pets play a huge role in creating a healthy lifestyle.



# Indiana could see \$5.8B in new COVID relief money

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana officials have yet to describe any big plans for the influx of federal money expected from the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package that Congress approved this week.

Preliminary estimates show roughly \$5.8 billion will be directed toward Indiana. About \$3 billion would go directly to state government, and \$2.6 billion to cities and counties and \$200 million for a state capital projects fund, said Rachel Hoffmeyer, a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb.

“Greater details should come in future guidance and communication,” Hoffmeyer told The (Fort Wayne) Journal Gazette.

State lawmakers are looking to have a say in how that money will be spent.

The state was also allocated \$2.4 billion in pandemic relief funding last year. That aid arrived after the 2020 legislative session ended

and was distributed by Holcomb’s administration with little formal involvement by legislators for uses such as public health agency expenses and business support and rental assistance programs.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray told reporters Thursday that he didn’t think the federal money was needed to cover ongoing state spending but should go toward targeted programs.

“If it goes to schools, to help schools in particular with things like remediation for these kids that just kind of lost a step in this education year,” Bray said. “We want it to help the industries, like the hotel and the hospitality industries, that have been so hard hit over the last 12 months or so.”

Indiana’s state tax collections didn’t take the major hit that was feared last spring and are running about 4 percent higher than expected when the current two-year \$78 billion state budget was

adopted in 2019.

Holcomb hasn’t yet offered his ideas for using the new federal funds. Leaders in other states have proposed big projects that have long been on their to-do lists, including high-speed internet for rural areas and drinking water improvements.

Indiana lawmakers are already working on a new two-year state budget to start in July. Some programs in that budget plan could now be covered by federal relief money. For instance, the House proposed a \$150 million learning remediation program, \$50 million in health grants and \$30 million for small business assistance.

The Holcomb administration also dedicated \$400 million to the state’s unemployment insurance trust fund to avoid borrowing money from the federal government to make jobless benefit payments after the fund was drained by a steep jump in unemployment in the spring.

## VIRUS

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administered in Wabash County, with 327 of those administered Thursday.

Statewide, as of Friday, 1,230,710 first doses of vaccine have been administered in Indiana, and 792,217 individuals are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number includes individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Earlier this month at a regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, EMA director Keith Walters asked for approval to accept a state grant to help with the costs of operating the local COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Walters said the state of Indiana offered the county and the health department a \$40,320 grant to help offset the expenses.

Walters said this is a federal program administered by the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH).

“Funding is for local expenses associated with the operation of the vaccine location. Like disposable supplies, gloves, cleaning supplies, rent and leases, utilities and so on,” said Walters.

On Wednesday, ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said the \$40,320 grant amount is based on county population.

“Local health departments receiving grants were required to submit plans to the state health department showing how they would establish vaccination clinics in accordance with state eligibility guidelines,” said Wade-Taxter.

Wade-Taxter said the ISDH has worked with local health departments to determine clinic hours and needs.

“(This helps) determine how much vaccine a county receives based on the state’s total allocation,” said Wade-Taxter.

An indoor vaccination clinic is being planned from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Saturday, March 20 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST Sunday, March 21 at Calumet New Tech High School, 3900 Calhoun St., Gary.

Appointments must be scheduled in advance, and individuals must show proof that they live in Indiana and meet current eligibility requirements upon arrival.

To find the location, search for Gary Calumet using ZIP code 46408 at <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 and ask to be scheduled at the Gary Calumet site.

Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine become available.

To schedule, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

**School figures**

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, March 8 with data as

of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 5. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 151 schools reported no cases, 1,928 reported one or more cases and 289 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only White’s Jr./Sr. High School has reported to the ISDH that they have no cases.

■ During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported 53 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported 11 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported 12 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 16 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4.

Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, March 5, a total of 558 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.8 percent being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. There have been 3,363 total tests performed this semester, with 99.8 percent of them being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. During that week, there was no self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and two self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been nine self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and six self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus

### Local figures

■ On Wednesday, the ISDH reported two local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,342, with 14,304 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.2 percent.

■ On Thursday, the ISDH reported three local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,345, with 14,322 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.5 percent.

■ On Friday, the ISDH reported seven local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,352, with 14,347 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 13 percent.

### Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 973 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 671,023 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 12,409 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 28 from the previous day. Another 415 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,172,282 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,166,538 on Thursday. A total of 8,391,163 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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# Wildfire burns 20 acres in Merrillville, sends smoke onto I-65

MERRILLVILLE — The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

Yerga said the fire was caused by a homeowner burning things in a backyard.

“Open burning is prohibited in Merrillville; residents need to burn fire wood in containers for recreational use only,” Yerga said. “During this time of year, they also need to pay attention to the weather. In 30 mph winds, wind can easily carry flames or embers from

a small fire into fields and create a massive brush fire. The ground dries out pretty quickly.”

The fire sent thick smoke into southbound lanes of Interstate 65.

Yerga warned against discarding lit cigarettes on the ground.

“It happens off I-65 when people flick cigarettes off into the brush and fires are started,” Yerga said. “It’s dangerous. Wildfires are the No. 1 killer of firefighters.”

## PULSE

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hosting two events to inform residents and solicit feedback about a proposed Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation project to build a pedestrian and vehicle bridge over the railroad tracks on East Street. An in-person public open house hosted from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Eagles Theater’s in the fourth-floor ballroom, 106 W. Market St. For more information, visit [www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject](http://www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject).

## Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting March 18 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manches-ter Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 and Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

## WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of “Play On!” by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the

weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email [brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com](mailto:brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com).

## Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District’s annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash’s Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester’s would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

## Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at [www.growwabashcounty.com/pcm](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/pcm) workshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by phone at 260-563-5258.

## Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be

restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

## COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash


OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

## DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Wabash County Solid Waste Management District Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 18th at 3:30 p.m., in the District Office, at 1101 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, has been cancelled. This meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday March 25th, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., in the District Office, at 1101 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.  
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**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA**  
DOCKET NO. 85C01-2101-EU-000006  
Notice is hereby given that ANNE E. BELL was on the 25th day of January, 2021, appointed personal representative of the estate of GREGORY D. BELL, deceased, who died on the 18th day of December, 2020, and was authorized to administer his estate without court supervision.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file those claims in the office of the Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or those claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 25th day of January, 2021.  
/s/Lori J. Draper (SEAL)  
Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court  
Matthew P. Hayes  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Attorney No. 32002-02  
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PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
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Bluffton, IN 46714  
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DES. #: 1801915  
**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**  
The Indiana Department of Transportation and City of Wabash will host two events to inform residents and solicit feedback about the proposed Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation project.  
A virtual Zoom meeting, including a presentation, will be on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, starting at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) using meeting ID 996 2544 3409 and passcode 594249.  
An in-person public open house will be hosted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Theater in the fourth-floor ballroom. There will be displays and representatives available to answer residents' questions throughout the open house.  
The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility by addressing the adverse effects of the current at-grade crossings. By constructing a bridge to carry the motorists and pedestrians over the railroad, safety is greatly improved by reducing the potential for train, vehicle and pedestrian collisions while simultaneously providing unobstructed north-south access, reducing delays in emergency response times.  
The project study area includes Wabash Street to the west, the Wabash River to the east, Elm Street to the north and E. Main Street to the south. Six "build" alternatives and one "no build" alternative were analyzed. The engineers report updated in June 2020 determined that constructing the overpass at East Street best met the purpose of the project. The City and INDOT have proposed closing the railroad intersections at Spring, Huntington and Thorne streets once construction is complete. Special consideration was given to minimize impacts to cultural and historic resources.  
There will be temporary and permanent right-of-way that will be acquired for this project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023. Additional project information is available at [www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject](http://www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject). Those who wish to submit questions in advance can do so on the webpage and/or via the City's social media accounts: Facebook @WabashIndiana85 and Instagram @wabashindiana.  
The public open house will follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance for health and safety protocols. Project team members will wear face masks and/or coverings and attendees are encouraged to do so. Face masks, hand sanitizer and access to hand washing facilities will be provided. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to, including monitoring the number of attendees participating to comply with local regulations.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and with advance notice, INDOT can provide accommodation for persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services such as sign language interpretation, large print materials and/or other related services. If you are an individual with a disability or represent an ADA stakeholder group and require accommodation related to participating at the public open house, you are encouraged to contact Erin Pipkin at [erin@compassoutreachsolutions.com](mailto:erin@compassoutreachsolutions.com) or (317) 966-7301.  
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriffs Sale File Number 85-21-0007-SS  
Sale Date & Time of Sale:  
April 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM  
Cause Number 85C01-2010-MF-000676  
Judgment to be Satisfied \$96,551.98  
Plaintiff Village Capital & Investment, LLC  
Defendant William G. Kramer, deceased; et al  
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, 79 W Main St, Wabash, IN, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:  
Lot Number 46 in Section "C" of Bonbrook, an addition to the City of Wabash, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 5, page 68 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana.  
Commonly known as:  
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State Parcel Number:  
85-14-40-121-078.000-009  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.  
Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County  
Township Noble Township  
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Parcel Number Property Tax ID:  
85-14-40-121-078.000-009  
Attorney Brian C. Berger  
Attorney Number 19753-45  
Law Firm Codilis Law, LLC  
Contact Number (219) 736-5579  
Contact Email [sales@codilis.com](mailto:sales@codilis.com)  
Atty File Number 1035734  
The Sheriff's office does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known street address. It is the buyer's responsibility to research the legal description and associated legal filings.  
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STATE OF GEORGIA  
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You, are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking the termination of parental rights for the minor child was filed on January 28, 2021, and that by reason you are hereby notified that a hearing to terminate your parental rights is to be held on May 5, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Superior Court of Barrow County, 652 Barrow Park Drive, Winder, Georgia. Witnesseth the Honorable Wayne D. McLocklin, Superior Court of Barrow County.  
This 10 day of March 2021  
Janie Jones  
Clerk of Superior Court  
Barrow County, Georgia  
Piedmont Judicial Circuit  
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Time and technology change how twins communicate

**DEAR ABBY:** My twin sister moved to another state years ago. We always kept in close contact through telephone calls. But since the invention of caller ID, call waiting, cellphones, texting, etc., things have changed.

Examples: She'll cut off a conversation to answer another none-emergency call. She frantically texts that she needs to talk right now, then doesn't call and won't answer when I try to call her. She doesn't return calls or texts for days.

When we do talk, she complains nonstop, and if I try to chime in about what's happening in my life, she cuts off the conversation. Also, we have a two-hour time difference, so when she does call, it's either super late or the dinner hour. If I can't talk long, she gets mad and blocks me for days.

I don't want to be the etiquette police, but something is off. Advice? – Just About Had It In Illinois

**DEAR HAD IT:** Has your twin always been this self-centered and rude, or is it relatively new behavior? Do not blame advances in technology for it. Accept that she may have a low level of tolerance for frustration and little interest in what is going on in your life.

If I were you, the next time she blocks you, do not repeatedly try to reach her. Wait until she calls back. If you haven't already taken this up with her directly, you should, because her phone manners are atrocious.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are elderly. We live in a renovated shack I inherited from my family. The neighborhood is degrading, and I'm trying to decide whether to build a new home out in the country on property I own.

If I do, my family, which needs a better place to live, could live in my current house. But I'm worried about the physical and emotional toll it will take on my husband and me to improve the wooded property. I also worry about issues like potential dementia living nearly 30 miles from town in the country.

No matter how much I weigh the pros and cons, I can't reach a decision whether to build or not. Because of our ages, it's now or never. Can you please help me decide? – Stumped About The Future

**DEAR STUMPED:** Allow me to offer a third alternative. You described your husband and yourself as elderly and expressed concern about the physical and emotional toll building a new home far from town could cause. It might make more sense to consider selling your current home and/or the rural property and using the money to buy a place in town in a neighborhood that isn't degrading and is near medical facilities should you and your husband need them. At this point in your lives, the last thing you need is stress and isolation.

**DEAR READERS:** This is my annual reminder to all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. It's a ritual I love because it signals the coming of spring, and with it longer, brighter days and warmer weather. – Abby

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Say likewise
- 5 Dejected
- 9 Hair goop
- 12 Jezebel's spouse
- 13 Sweater makings
- 14 Boxing's greatest
- 15 Lucky streak
- 16 Long, long time
- 17 Tire support
- 18 Basketball moves
- 20 Not rural
- 22 Town near Lake Tahoe
- 23 Whale habitat
- 24 Jumbo
- 27 Hamster's digs
- 31 — Buddhism
- 34 Nonsense verse writer
- 35 McClurg of movies
- 36 Mother of Horus
- 38 Something to peel
- 40 I, to Claudius

- 41 Dressy event
- 42 Gene Autry movie
- 44 Popinjay
- 46 Dial or Zest
- 49 Mideast nation
- 52 Kind of tooth
- 54 Ostrich cousin
- 55 Gentle
- 58 Ceramic piece
- 59 Involuntary movement
- 60 Summit
- 61 Underwater shockers
- 62 Provoke
- 63 Eight quarts
- 64 Go headlong

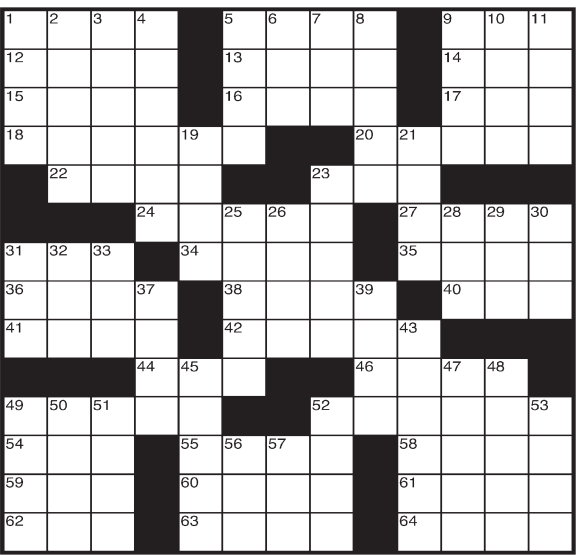
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- 1 Tombstone deputy
- 2 Group of vocalists
- 3 Bisect
- 4 Rectangular
- 5 Ciao, adios, etc.
- 6 Southeast Asian
- 7 Coffee server

Answer to Previous Puzzle



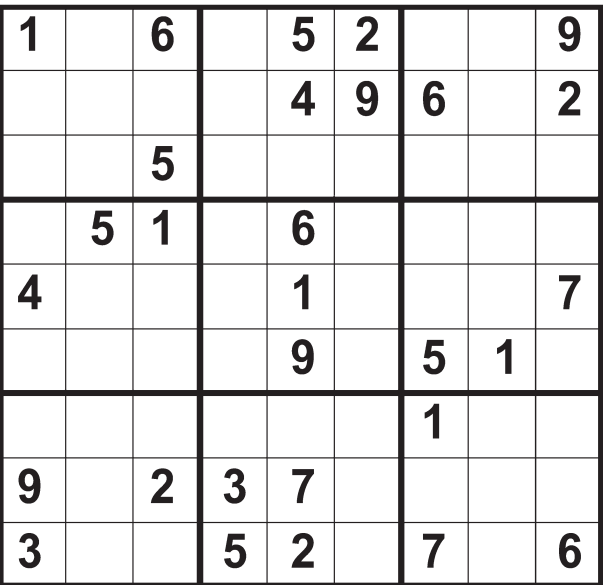
- 8 Follow
- 9 Costume
- 10 He directed Marlon
- 11 Sketch
- 19 Plug away
- 21 Make a mad dash
- 23 Swagger
- 25 Fable writer
- 26 Bay Area valley
- 28 Lemon drink
- 29 Brief engagement
- 30 Want-ad letters
- 31 Sharp turn
- 32 That, in Acapulco
- 33 None at all
- 37 Umpire's shout
- 39 Hubby of Lucy
- 43 Roll call list
- 45 Saloon sign (2 wds.)
- 47 "So long!"
- 48 Voting places
- 49 Big Foot cousin
- 50 Bahrain VIP
- 51 Slime
- 52 TV Guide span
- 53 Chicken wire
- 56 Poker card
- 57 XXI times C



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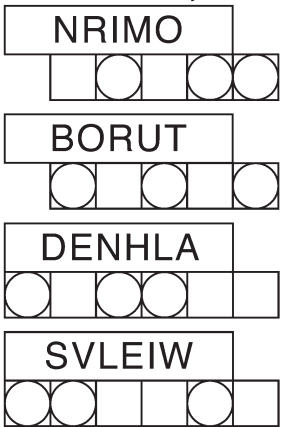
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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7	6	3	9	2	4	1	8	5
4	5	1	6	8	3	7	2	9
6	9	4	7	3	8	2	5	1
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JUMBLE

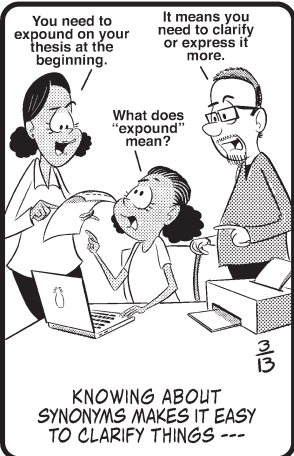
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



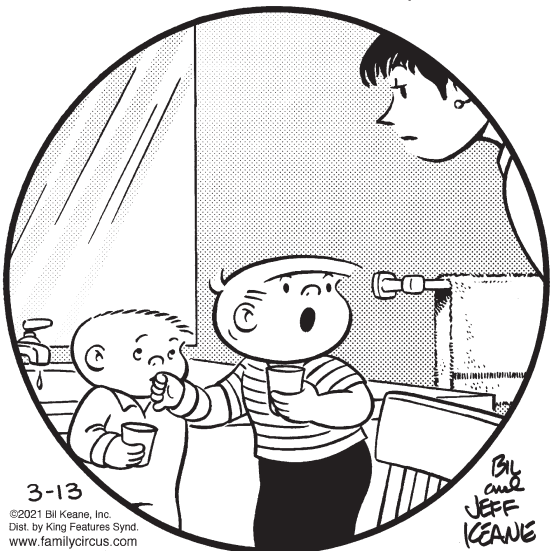
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CAMEO PAUSE STICKY SWAMPY Answer: The talkative young fashion designer made her own clothing. — "SEW" TO SPEAK

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



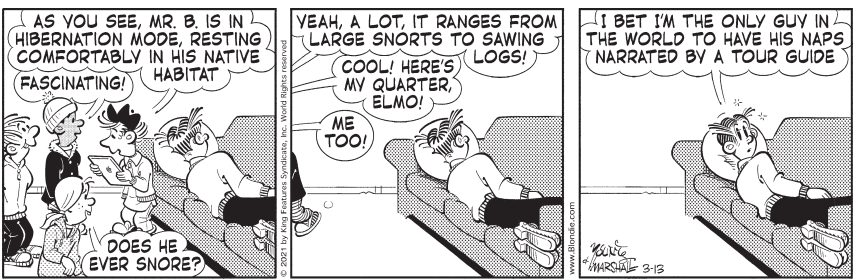
"PJ doesn't know how to gargle. He SWALLOWED it!"

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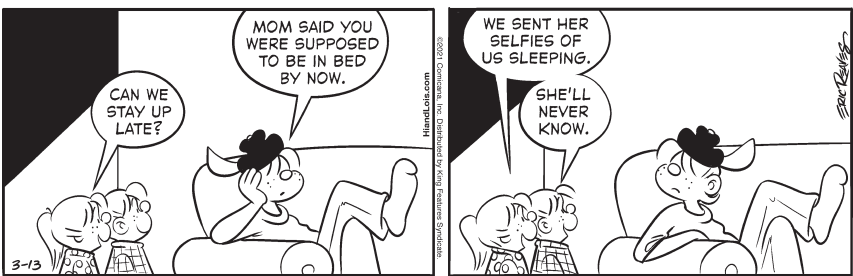
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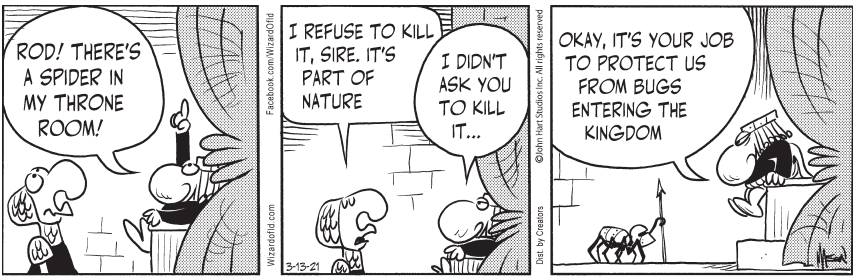
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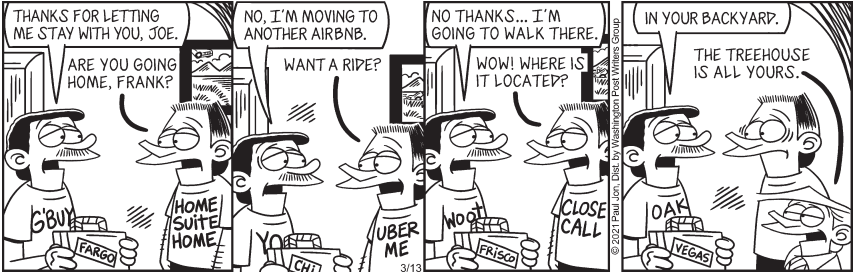
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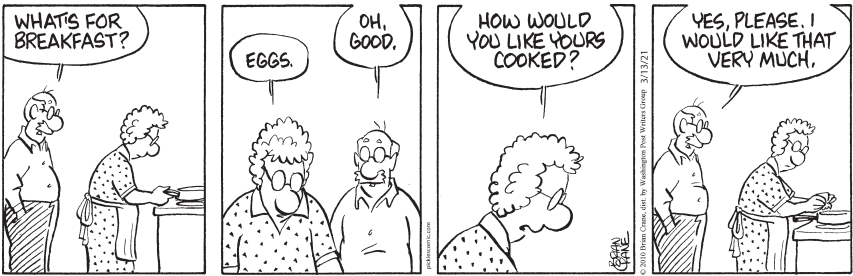
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



‘Train yourself to be godly’

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** What does the word “apostasy” mean Biblically and is it even a relevant word in today’s society? – B.A.

**A:** The Biblical teaching about apostasy means a “falling away,” as the Apostle Paul describes to the church at Thessalonica. This “condition” affected every area of life. The word is so strong and so emphatic that it suggests a complete breakdown of morals, ethics and spirituality.

Paul wrote, “That Day [the day of the Lord] will not come unless the falling away comes first” (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Paul used the same word again in writing to Timothy saying that “in latter times some will depart from the faith... speaking lies in hypocrisy” (1 Timothy 4:1-2), and in 2 Timothy

4:3-4 he writes: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine [teaching]... and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables [fiction].”

What a picture of the world today. There are so many who say they believe in Jesus Christ, but they do not live according to His Word. The Bible says they have a form of godliness but deny its power (2 Timothy 3:5).

This is the importance of every follower of Christ to feed on God’s Word. It means to

saturate the mind and heart with God’s truth. It means to obey His Word and worship Him by how we behave in our speech, in our attitude, and in our thoughts. The Bible says, “Train yourself to be godly” (1 Timothy 4:7, NIV). Christians are called to a different lifestyle by following the steps of Jesus.

Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven on behalf of those who belonged to Him and asked His Father in Heaven to “make them holy by your truth [and] teach them your word” (John 17:17, NLT).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“WR NOB YAZDV GOASDV IDAY WNGBDR SM, NOB DLGN LSVWIDB TAWPB YASDV IB NOLN AR LC BUMBZN GLKWGX WN PLC'N IB VACB.” — MBNBZ SGNWCAT

Previous Solution: “The only difference between me and my fellow actors is that I’ve spent more time in jail.” — Robert Mitchum  
TODAY’S CLUE: A s!e!n!b!z X





Cory Mitchell, No. 21, leads the celebration.

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## Mitchell's golden goal lifts MU to thrilling 20T victory

The Spartans will travel to Earlham College on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's soccer team earned a thrilling 3-2 victory over the visiting Defiance College Yellow Jackets in double overtime at Spartan Stadium on Wednesday, March 10. The Black and Gold overcame a pair of deficits in regulation to stun Defiance in double OT.

Visiting Defiance opened the scoring in Wednesday's game with a goal from Noah Svanberg in the 26th minute.

DC led 1-0 at the intermission.

The Spartans responded early in the second half. Senior Josh Gonzalez, from Portage, played a terrific ball into the box that was headed in by Cory Mitchell, from Maitland, Florida, and Winter Park High School. It was Mitchell's first collegiate goal.

The Yellow Jackets went ahead once more just five minutes later with a goal from Jarren Casto.

Manchester broke through

late, tying the game once more in the 81st minute. Jacob Knepper, from Indianapolis and Mt. Vernon High School, provided the equalizer to tie the match at 2-2. Julian Keough, from Indianapolis and Pike High School, and Nick Surber, from Hebron, picked up assists on Knepper's first career goal.

Both teams remained gridlocked for the remainder of regulation and for the first overtime period.

In the second overtime period, a shot by Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, hit the post and ricocheted back out to the top of the Manchester box. Cory Mitchell collected the

rebound from the top of the box and fired a shot past the DC keep, propelling MU to a thrilling 3-2 triumph.

The Black and Gold outshot Defiance 17-4 on Wednesday night. MU also held a 10-1 advantage in corner kicks.

The win gave Manchester three crucial points in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference standings. MU improved to 2-1, 2-1 HCAC.

Defiance (2-1, 2-1 HCAC) suffered its first loss of the season.

MU will travel to Earlham College on Saturday, March, 13. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Manchester's Rodgers named HCAC Special Teams Player of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University sophomore Desmond Rodgers, from Matteson, Illinois, and Chicago Christian High School, has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Special Teams Player of the Week, the league announced on Tuesday, March 9.

Rodgers scored his first collegiate touchdown on Saturday afternoon in the Spartans' spring opener against Bluffton when he returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown.

Manchester will play the second game of its spring calendar at home on Saturday, March 13, against Franklin College. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in Spartan Stadium.

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## Manchester's Brandon Christlieb named to HCAC All-Tournament Team

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University men's basketball forward Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, was named to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) All-Tournament Team late Wednesday night following the conclusion of the tournament championship game between Franklin and Transylvania. Brandon ended his first season in a Manchester uniform averaging 12.2 points per game on the strength of 40.8 percent shooting from the field and 39.7 percent shooting from 3-point territory. Christlieb also finished 89.7 percent at the free-throw line this season.

Christlieb scored 18 points in both of Manchester's two HCAC Tournament games against Anderson and Franklin. He also grabbed nine total rebounds.

Joining Christlieb on the



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Manchester University men's basketball forward Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, was named the HCAC All-Tournament Team.

All-Tournament Team were Mark Albers (Hanover), Lucas Gentry (Transylvania), Michael Jefferson (Transylvania), Ismail Jones (Frank-

lin) and Matt Krause (MVP – Franklin).

Franklin College won the HCAC Tournament title this year following a 73-54

victory at Transylvania on Wednesday night.

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## Buckner and Hampton garner Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its 2021 Men's Basketball All-Conference teams and award winners on Thursday, March 11.

Seniors Cortiz Buckner, from Lafayette and Lafayette Jefferson High School, and CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School, were both honored in this year's awards listing, earning Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors.

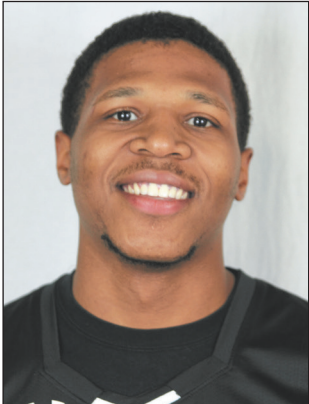
Buckner was the Spartans' leading scorer this season, averaging 14.4 points per game. Buckner also led the team in assists at 4.2 per contest. He also added 1.4 steals per night and 3.8 rebounds. Buckner shot 56 percent (75-134) from the field during his senior campaign. He scored 20 or more points three times this season. Buckner scored in double figures in 12 of the 14 games this year.

Hampton ranked second on the Manchester roster in scoring at 12.2 ppg. CJ was MU's top rebounder this season, grabbing 6.0 rebound per game. Additionally, Hampton led the Spartans in steals with 1.5 steals per game. He also added 1.8 assists per night. CJ scored crossed the 20-point threshold on two different occasions this season; he scored in double figures eight times.



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Cortiz Buckner is from Lafayette and Lafayette Jefferson High School.



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CJ Hampton is from Hammond and Griffith High School.

Hampton grabbed seven or more rebounds on seven different occasions.

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## HCAC announces 2021 softball preseason poll

Spartans to host Alma College in a Sunday doubleheader

By DILLON BENDER

With the 2021 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference softball season scheduled to begin soon, the Transylvania University Pioneers have been selected to win the league, in a vote amongst league coaches announced on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The Pioneers picked up 78 points in Tuesday's preseason poll. Transy still reigns as the most current HCAC Champion, winning the league title in 2019. The Pioneers will also bring a national ranking into the spring, clocking in at #12 in the first NFCA Top 25 Poll.

Not far behind, Mount St. Joseph University was picked to finish second with 75 points. Anderson (56), Defiance (45) and Hanover College (45) rounded out the top

half of Tuesday's preseason poll.

Manchester was tabbed seventh in the poll, earning 28 points.

Senior Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, was named a "Player to Watch" by the league. Mokos has a career batting of .355, which stands as the 10th best batting average in school history. Alexis has 72 hits in her MU career and has homered five times and driven in 53 runs. Mokos was a First Team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference performer in 2019 after hitting .394 (41-104) with 9 doubles, 4 home runs, and 30 RBI.

The Spartans are currently scheduled to host Alma College in a doubleheader on Sunday, March 14. The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

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## Rutgers ousts Indiana from Big Ten tournament, 61-50

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ron Harper Jr. and Jacob Young scored 13 points each as Rutgers knocked tenth-seeded Indiana out of the second round of the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday, 61-50.

Rutgers (15-10) was seeded seventh into the tournament, its highest seed ever, and will square off against second-seeded, and No. 3-ranked, Illinois (20-6) in a Friday quarterfinal. Rutgers beat the Illini 91-88 in their only meeting this season.

The Hoosiers (12-15) led by as many as 10 in the first half, and Rutgers needed to close on a 14-4 pace in order to lead at the break, 33-32, on Geo Baker's dunk.

Trayce Jackson-Davis scored 19 points to lead Indiana, but six came after halftime. He threw down consecutive dunks midway through the second half, each

time cutting the Rutgers lead to three, and he also blocked two shots down the stretch. Aljami Durham added nine points, two after halftime as Indiana's shooting fell off to 28 percent after the break (8 of 29).

Armaan Franklin lifted Indiana to a 48-47 lead with just under 10 minutes left, but Young scored with a jumper to give the Scarlet Knights the lead for good and consecutive 3-pointers from Paul Mulcahy boosted Rutgers ahead 55-48 lead by the final TV timeout with 3:14 remaining.

The baskets gave Mulcahy 10 points, his first double-digit scoring since Dec. 29. Myles Johnson also scored 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for his eighth double-double.

The Hoosiers, meanwhile, went scoreless for 6:36 as Rutgers then cruised to their third win over Indiana this season.





**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

**BAPTIST**

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

**CATHOLIC**

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Guest Preacher; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

**FRIENDS CHURCH**

**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

**INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**LUTHERAN**

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

**UNITED METHODIST**

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

**Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



It's A Jungle Out There...



Life can get a little wild and crazy, with responsibilities coming at us from all directions. Wouldn't it be nice to find a refuge? A safe place we can share with our close ones? We can trust our faith in God to protect us. "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him..." (Nahum 1.14) Find tranquility from the world's troubles at your house of worship this week. Go and give thanks to God!

Daily Scripture Readings						
Lam. 1:1-22	Lam. 3:1-33	Lam. 3:34-66	Lam. 5:1-22	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 18:1-14	Luke 19:28-48
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